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LABORATORY FOREIGN TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES

At present, two laboratory programs have unusual foreign travel requirements which merit, we believe, special consideration. The first of these is the ORNL Health Physics Division involvement in dosimetry activities associated with RERF. The second is the LLL Biomedical Division's involvement in the plutonium measurement program in Spain. Each of these activities require approximately one foreign trip per year involving a fairly lengthy stay. At present, costs for these travel obligations are charged against the program Division's foreign travel ceiling in each instance. This practice places a severe constraint upon their participation in meetings and visits to selected foreign laboratories.

We would recommend that consideration be given to an initial allocation of foreign travel ceiling for special program requirements of the above type, with the distribution of remaining foreign travel ceiling for meetings and visits.

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